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WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
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Welcome! **Tim Krauskopf** joined the Museum as Head of Information Services on July 7. While based in Academic Affairs, Tim will be responsible for all information services for the Museum, and will be directly responsible for Computer Services and Photography. In addition to his responsibilities at the Museum, Tim will be attending Northwestern's two-year Executive Management Program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, starting this fall. Tim was a co-founder and Vice President of Research and Development for Spyglass, Inc., the company that developed the first commercial versions of Mosaic, the original World Wide Web browser, which is now Internet Explorer from Microsoft. Tim's undergraduate degree is from the Integrated Science Program at Northwestern University, which combined mathematics with biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry, computer studies, geology and evolutionary biology. He earned a MS in Computer Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While completing his Master's, he worked at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), helping research scientists use the supercomputer more effectively for data visualization, genome and gel-reading software and networking software. Tim's office is Peter Crane's old office across from the Zoology classroom, x735 or e-mail at <timk@fmppr.fmnh.org .

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

MARK WESTNEAT APPOINTED ASSOCIATE CURATOR

The Office of Academic Affairs and the Department of Zoology are pleased to announce that **Mark Westneat** (Zoology, Fishes) has been promoted to Associate Curator. Mark joined the Museum staff in 1991, having received his B.A. in Biology from the University of Wooster in 1984, and his Ph.D. in Zoology from Duke University in 1990. Mark has received several scientific awards for his research, including the D. Dwight Davis Award from the American Society of Zoologists in 1990, the Raney Award in Icthyology from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in 1988, and a nomination by the American Association of Museums for the National Science Foundation's Alan T. Waterman Award in 1993. Mark's research focuses on the functional morphology of fishes, particularly, the biomechanics of feeding and locomotion in wrasses or labroid fishes. He uses a combination of laboratory experimentation and field work to assess how this diverse group has adapted to exploiting coral reef habitats. His research techniques include the high-speed video analysis of the behavior of living animals, descriptive morphology and physiological measurements of muscle activity. His evolutionary research involves studying the

SECURITY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to newly promoted day shift Security Supervisor **Monique Tarleton,** formerly security officer on the evening shift; to **Sheila Spencer,** new Assistant Equipment Officer, recently promoted from day shift Security Officer; and to **Derek McGlorthan,** recently appointed to the new position of Security Console and Systems Coordinator. In his new role, Derek will be responsible for overseeing all Security Department closed circuit television and electronic security systems throughout the Museum and will assist all departments requesting assistance with such systems, to include routine installation and maintenance of the systems.

SECURITY GOES MOBILE

By now you have probably seen the Security Department golf cart motoring through the Soldier Field parking lot or around the Museum perimeter. This recent addition to the department is intended to be used primarily for security patrols and Museum business on the Museum Campus. We now patrol from the Lake Shore Drive underpass to the south end of the Soldier Field lot, and while we'll never set any speed records, the cart makes it much easier to cover more ground. We've also found that, because we put "Courtesy Patrol" on the cart rather than "Security" we're getting a lot of questions from visitors, which only enhances our service mission. At this time, we aren't using the cart as a shuttle, but staff can use the free trolley service to and from the Soldier Field lot, between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

RECORING/REKEYING UPDATE

The lock recoring/rekeying project is now well underway. To date **Marcia Pyle** and her Equipment Office staff have installed 125 cores and re-cored 109 doors, as well as 50 locker locks, with new keys issued for all of the changed areas. Archives, Education, Housekeeping, Library, Mail Room, Museum Affairs, Print Shop, Tours, Visitor Services and Woman's Board have now been recored, with more departments to follow. The entire Museum is scheduled to be recored by the end of 1997.

All Welcome!

Potluck for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Staff/Volunteers and Friends

Join us on Thursday, July 31 *after work* for a potluck on the West Terrace. We'll be serving up excellent food, a nice bottle of wine, and fine company at the end of the day, so that we can linger a little longer and even check out the Field Night entertainment afterwards. Family, sweethearts and friends welcome, too! Just bring something to share and a beverage. For more information, contact **Steve** (x336) or **Robin** (x245).

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Please take this opportunity to let us know what items (books, jewelry, gifts, etc...) you would like to see in our Museum Stores. Send to the attention of:

Laura Sadler,
Director, Auxiliary Services

SALE

The following Museum material is being offered for sale to employees.

Drafting table with desk, manufactured by Hamilton.
Board measures 60" x 30", entire unit measures 5' x 4"
Steel frame with wood drafting board and wood desk top.

Two fire bucket waste cans, 3 gallon capacity

Buffer/Polishing Lathe, working condition, Baldor
115 Volt 1/4 HP 1 Phase 3.0/1.5 Amp

Grinder - Stephan - Werke Hamelin - German - Working condition
110 Volt .27 HP 1 Phase 3.1 Amp

Lathe- Sears Craftsman Model - No Motor

Cement Mixer - Orange - No Motor

Cement Mixer with motor - Yellow - Gilson

Gunite Machine - Quick Spray Inc. - Pt. Clinton, Ohio
(for spraying a stucco like surface)
Model #46870 Serial # EL90-138

Small Oxygen and Acetylene Tanks
Oxygen 14" High Linde 75/9 ICC3AA2015
Acetylene 19" High Coyne ICC8
Acetylene 11 " High ICC8

Arc Welder - Miller Dialarc 250 AC/DC
200/230/460 Volt 103/90/45 Amp 1 Phase
Serial #KBO76954 Stock #901564

This material will be available for review in Hall G, ground floor from July 21 - 22; 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Personnel interested in bidding should submit their bid in a sealed envelope to the Purchasing Department by Thursday, July 24. Successful bidders will be notified on Thursday July 24.

Tom Geary, Purchasing

anatomy of the labroid fishes, one of the most diverse fish families on coral reefs throughout the world. Studying these fishes involves collecting expeditions to coral reefs in Australia, the Coral Sea and Thailand. More recently, Mark has expanded into the Southern Temperate waters of Chile. Mark has been the recipient of many grants from National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society and Diver's Organizations.

MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Karlyn Morris-Gary has been named Public Services Employee of the Month. Karlyn joined the Museum in April, 1978. Among her many duties, she is a familiar face in the Security Equipment office where she provides efficient, friendly key and i.d. service.

Also nominated for their exceptional teamwork and outstanding customer service were **Lysette Bell, Luke Erickson, James Hammond, Denise Hatter-Easley, Jose Mendez, Melvin Phillips, Imelda Saucedo, Jannie Singleton, and James Thompson.**

- Diane White, Public Services

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon.

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BLOOM AT PAWNEE POW WOW

Mary Ann Bloom, Education, was invited to attend the Pawnee Homecoming PowWow in Oklahoma. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Pawnee Earth Lodge exhibit, Mary Ann presented a gift of friendship to the Pawnee - a booklet written by the Pawnee Earth Lodge volunteers sharing some of their thoughts, feelings and experiences in the lodge over the years. The booklet was very appreciatively received by the Chief of the Nasharo Council and the President of the Pawnee Tribal Business Council.

PERFUME --
The Sweetness of You or Poison to Others?

Some people -- including some staff members -- are allergic to perfume. This is not just a matter of mild discomfort, an inconvenience at best, but is a physiological reaction that can affect breathing and swell up a person's eyes. Perfume may make the wearer more appealing to some, but toxic to others. Please be sensitive to your colleagues. If asked to wear less/none, or if asked to sit in a different area of the room, please respect the wishes of the person who suffers from perfume allergies. Thanks.

Written by Carolyn Klyce at the request of Sufferers

The Chase is Still On!

Wow! Approximately 90 people are participating in the Chase challenge.

Participants - Don't forget to mark your calendars for ***Thursday, August 7, 1997.***

T-Shirts availaible starting July 31 -- Archaeopteryx... Only $6
Large and x-large
Monday, July 21 Cindy will start collecting the money and sizes for t-shirts.

The following were added to the participants' list as of Wednesday, July 9

Bill Ballard
Michael Benham
Floyd Blunston
Jonathan Copulsky
Dolores Cross
Christine English
Nel Fetherling
Cathy Geraghty
Thomas Gnoske
Johnsie Golliday
Jennifer Hutchinson
Fui Lian Inger
Robert Inger
Adam Kashuba
Lance Kirsch
Debbie Kvapil
Matt Majer
Eric Manabat
Ben Marks
Lucinda Nicholas
John Ososky
Zeus Preckwinkle
Maureen Ransom
Paula Robinson
David Quednau
Mia Schillace
Peter Stevenson
Hedy Turnbull
Amanda Tyson
Dirk Urban
Marcel Vallot
Susan VandenBosch
Felisia Wesson

A big apology to **Lisa Wodis** as she was accidently not listed in last weeks listing of registered runners/walkers!!

-- Submitted by **Cindy Andresen**